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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Yen Choo

Application No.: 09/646,353

Filed: November 27, 2000

For: NUCLEIC ACID BINDING  
PROTEINS

Examiner: Teresa D. Wessendorf

Art Unit: 1639

Response to restriction requirement and  
election of species and preliminary  
amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed , please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

19. (Twice Amended) A method for preparing a DNA binding polypeptide of the cys-2-His zinc finger class capable of binding to a DNA triplet in a target DNA sequence comprising 5-meC, but not to an identical triplet comprising unmethylated C comprising:

a) selecting a model zinc finger domain from the group consisting of naturally occurring zinc fingers and consensus fingers; and

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